



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

2018 National Mock Trial Competition

The State Bar of Nevada is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the Nevada Law Foundation in its bid to sponsor the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Reno. This sponsorship gives us an important opportunity to further support law-related education, not just in Nevada, but for participants across the United States.

The championship will bring 48 teams, including hundreds of participating high school students and their families to Reno for the competition. More than 150 volunteer attorneys will be needed to participate in the national competition as judges. As we get closer to the May, 2018 competition date, please keep an eye out for information about volunteering to judge the competition.

The Nevada Bar Foundation, the state bar's 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will rely on support for the competition's \$190,000 budget through sponsorships, contributions, team registration fees and merchandise sales. The foundation has already begun work on its fundraising plan, including hosting an auction at this year's Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. A steering committee will oversee the event plans, including fundraising, logistics and content. Steering committee members include:

- Connie Akridge
- Cynthia Alexander
- Ann Bersi
- Don Christensen
- Hon. Linda Gardner
- Mark Knobel
- Gene Leverty
- Paul Matteoni

2015 Mock Trial Competition Season

Nevada's high school mock trial teams are currently participating in this year's competition. The Southern Nevada Mock Trial Competition took place on February 14 at the Regional Justice Center and the Northern Nevada Mock Trial Competition was held at the Bruce Thompson Federal Courthouse on February 20. In the south, Bishop Gorman (blue team) placed first, Clark High School took second place, A-Tech High School was third and Faith Lutheran High School came in fourth. In the north, Reno High School, Elko High School, McQueen High School (blue team) and McQueen High School (silver team) achieved the top scores (in that order). Those eight teams will face off early this month to determine which team will represent the state at the National Mock Trial Competition in North Carolina this coming May.

Bishop Gorman's blue team takes first place at the Southern Nevada Mock Trial Competition.





Reno High School celebrates its first place win at the Northern Nevada Mock Trial Competition.

Attorneys volunteer each year to help train Nevada's high school mock trial teams.

To learn more about the Mock Trial Competitions or to volunteer for upcoming competitions, visit the state bar's website at <http://www.nvbar.org/content/mock-trial>.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution

The state bar also offers other law-related education programs to Nevada students. The Center for Civic Education recently informed Canyon Springs High School's "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" students that, as Warren E. Burger honorees, they will have an opportunity to participate in the national "We the People" competition. The primary goal of "We the People" is to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students.

The national competition takes place at the end of April at George Mason University in Virginia. This is the first time since 2000 that a southern Nevada High School team has participated in the national "We the People" competition. 2015 marks the second year in a row that Nevada will have two schools competing. (Read more on page 41.) **NL**

To learn more about "We the People," visit the Center for Civic Information online at <http://www.civiced.org/programs/wtp>.